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SUBJECT: INVITATION TO 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF MAURITANIAN INDEPENDENCE

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1. MAURITANIAN DIRECTOR OF PROTOCOL CORNERED ME AT ALGERIAN NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION NOVEMBER 5 AND PRESSED HARD FOR NAMES OF MEMBEN OF US DELEGATION TO 15TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS NOVEMBER 26-DECEMBER 1. PRESIDENT'S PROTOCOL CHIEF MADE IT CLEAR THAT GIRM VERY MUCH HOPES US DELEGATION CHIEF WILL BE PROMINENT AMERICAN. I GENTLY BUT FIRMLY POINTED OUT THAT VERY SENIOR AMERICANS WERE FAR TOO BUSY TO DEVOTE SIX DAYS TO MAURITANIAN FIFTEENTH, AND BROADLY IMPLIED THAT GIRM COULD NOT HAVE BOTH SENIOR REP AND EXTENDED PARTICIPATION. IN VIEW POINTED INQUIRY, I WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR WHATEVER INFORMATION DEPARTMENT CK PROVIDE FOR RELAY TO GIRM.

2. IT HAS BECOME CLEAR OVER PAST COUPLE OF WEEKS THAT GIRM EXTENDED INVITATIONS ON SELECTIVE BASIS, CONCENTRATING ON ARAB AND AFRICAN COUNTRIES. NOTABLE AMONG NONRECIPIENTS OF INVITATION IS USSR, MUCH TO ANNOYANCE OF SOVIET EMBASSY STAFF. MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PROTOCOL OFFICIAL TOLD US EARLIER IN WEEK THAT ABOUT 30 GOVERNMENTS HAD AGREED TO SEND DELEGATION.HANDYSIDE

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